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SUBJECT: 94TH EXBD: ITEM 5.1.2: FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMISSION DRAFT RESOLUTION RE BUDGETARY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DR ON SUBJECT ISSUE DRAWN UP BY
WORKING GROUP COMPRISED OF UK, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MEXICO,
ALGERIA AND AFGHANISTAN WITH INFORMAL INPUT OF INDIA
WHICH ECONOMY ORIENTED AS UK AND CZECH:

"THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. HAVING EXAMINED THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AD-
MINISTRATIVE COMMISSION ON ITS STUDY OF THE FINANCIAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND
BUDGET FOR 1975 - 1976,

2. NOTING THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINIS-
TRATIVE COMMISSION WITH THE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS-GENERAL
AND DIRECTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEVERAL PARTS,
CHAPTERS AND SUB-CHAPTERS OF DOCUMENT 18 C/5,

3. NOTING THE SUGGESTIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINIS-
TRATIVE COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONS TO THE BUDGET FOR
1975 - 1976 AMOUNTING TO SOME \$815,000,

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4. BEARING IN MIND THE CONTINUED NEED TO ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE GUIDELINES FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SECRETARIAT AS SET OUT IN A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE INCLUDING 17 C/RESOLUTION 38.1, AND INCREASING THE GROWTH

OF THE PROGRAMME IN RELATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE,

5. BEARING IN MIND THE CONTINUING FLUCTUATION OF THE VALUE OF THE UNIT OF ACCOUNT IN RELATION TO THE FRENCH FRANC AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 12 OF THE TECHNICAL EXPLANATION OF 18 C/5 AND IN 94 EX/INF.5,

6. CONSIDERING THE SERIOUS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET OF CURRENT INFLATIONARY TRENDS,

7. DECIDES IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS TO DEFER ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE BUDGET PROVISIONS UNTIL ITS 95TH SESSION.

8. DECIDES FURTHER TO ESTABLISH A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THESE MATTERS AT ITS 95TH SESSION.

9. INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

(A) TO CONTINUE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING THE EXAMINATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AND INFLATIONARY TRENDS INCLUDING THOSE REFERRED TO IN 93 EX/5.1, PARA. 13(C), BEFORE THE 95TH SESSION OF THE BOARD;

(B) IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE BOARD AND ITS COMMISSIONS, TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN ITS CONTINUING REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET WITH A VIEW OF EFFECTING POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS AND ECONOMIES.

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2. FOREGOING DRAWN LARGELY FROM DRAFT OF F & A CHAIRMAN WYNTER (JAMAICA) BUT MOST NOTABLY DELETED A SENTENCE THAT WOULD HAVE EXPRESSED "GENERAL APPROVAL AND AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" WITH 18 C/5 PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$155 MILLION.

3. MOREOVER, AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE, PARAS 7 AND 8 ABOVE DEFER FINAL COMMITMENT ON BUDGET TO 95TH SESSION AND WILL HAVE ANOTHER WORKING GROUP MAKE FURTHER STUDY OF 18 C/5.

4. ALGERIAN ADAMANT ON PROTECTING CONCEPT OF PROGRAM GROWTH -- WHICH US AND UK CRITICIZED IN COMMISSION INTERVENTIONS -- AND MAY PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO THIS EFFECT AS GUIDELINE FOR ECONOMY STUDIES CALLED FOR IN 9(B) OF DR TEXT.

5. INCREASES OF \$815,000 REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 REFL-ECT LARGELY COSTS OF ARABIC AND CHINESE LANGUAGE IMPLEMENTATION (AGENDA ITEMS 8.2 AND 8.10).

6. UK DRAFTER (MARTIN) HAD TOUGH BATTLE IN GETTING ABOVE TEXT WHICH WE FULLY RECOGNIZE FALLS WELL
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SHORT OF IDEAL FROM US STANDPOINT. MARTIN HAS PERSONAL-

LY URGED US SUPPORT FOR WHAT HE FEELS MAXIMUM CONCES-
SIONS LDC'S AT THIS TIME.

7. GENEVA GROUP WILL DISCUSS DR TEXT MONDAY MORNING.
TENTATIVE TACTIC IS TO POSTPONE VOTING ON DR UNTIL
TUESDAY.

8. PERMDEL WOULD RECOMMEND FAVORABLE VOTE ON ABOVE
TEXT AS IS WITH EXPLANATION THAT THIS IN NO WAY RE-
DUCES OUR CONCERN, NOR INDEED OUR INTENT TO PRESS FOR,
SOLID ECONOMY REDUCTIONS AT 95TH BOARD SESSION. US
OPPOSITION TO DR WOULD SERVE NO PRACTICAL OR PRODUCTIVE
EFFECT AND WOULD LIKELY HAVE NO SUPPORT FROM OTHER
GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS. PERMDEL FEELS IT IMPORTANT
THAT WE MAINTAIN CONSENSUS SOLIDARITY WITH GG LEST WE
LOSE INFLUENCE EVEN IN THIS FRIENDLY GROUP FOR GAINING
SUPPORT FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS BY VIRTUE OF WHAT THEY
WILL SEE AS UNREALISTIC US INFLEXIBILITY.

9. PLEASE ADVISE.
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